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Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

This letter is in response to your request, received on January 30, 2019, to the City of Union City (the “City”) pursuant to the California Public Records Act for various materials regarding use of force incidences between the years 2013-2017. Specifically, your request seeks;

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
3. The total number of use of force complaints, reported between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
4. The total number of use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2017 (separated by year).

The City has identified records responsive to your request. However, part 3 and 4 of your request asks for information from the confidential personnel files of Union City Police Officers, and is therefore exempt from disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 6254(k) and California Penal Code 832.7. The City declines to release those records which are privileged or exempt from disclosure. Records responsive to your request and not otherwise exempt from disclosure are included with this response. Additionally, there are no responsive documents to part 2 of your request, as this data is not contained in a cumulative report.

The City will make available all other requested documents requested in part 1 of your request which is not exempt from disclosure. Specifically, the total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year). All responsive records the City will make available are attached to this response correspondence in a PDF format.

If you have further questions about this matter, or are able to refer me to controlling legal authority that supports a different result, please contact me at Dougc@unioncity.com.

Sincerely,



Lieutenant Doug Calcagno
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1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).

2013 Type of Force	Instances of Force
Discharge of a Firearm	9
Intentional Pointing of Firearm	172
Less Lethal Shotgun Deployment	1
TASER Deployment	8
Intentional Pointing of TASER	12
Baton/Impact Weapon Deployment	0
Pepper Spray Deployment	0
K-9 Arrest	3
Body Wrap Deployment	11
Physical Force (take downs, defensive tactics)	116
Pain Compliance Holds	45
Other	1
TOTAL	378

2014 Type of Force	Instances of Force
Discharge of a Firearm	1
Intentional Pointing of Firearm	119
Less Lethal Shotgun Deployment	1
TASER Deployment	10
Intentional Pointing of TASER	17
Baton/Impact Weapon Deployment	0
Pepper Spray Deployment	0
K-9 Arrest	1
Body Wrap Deployment	9
Physical Force (take downs, defensive tactics)	65
Pain Compliance Holds	16
Other	2
TOTAL	241

2015 Type of Force	Instances of Force
Discharge of a Firearm	0
Intentional Pointing of Firearm	186
Less Lethal Shotgun Deployment	5
TASER Deployment	9
Intentional Pointing of TASER	17
Baton/Impact Weapon Deployment	5
Pepper Spray Deployment	0
K-9 Arrest	2
Body Wrap Deployment	30
Physical Force (take downs, defensive tactics)	150
Pain Compliance Holds	38
Other	1
TOTAL	443

2016 Type of Force	Instances of Force
Discharge of a Firearm	2
Intentional Pointing of Firearm	195
Personal Body Weapon	7
Less Lethal Munitions	6
TASER Deployment	2
Intentional Pointing of TASER	12
Pepper Spray	0
K-9 Arrest	1
Body Wrap	27
Takedown	32
Control Hold	60
Control Hold w/Pain Compliance	65
De-escalation Technique	5
TOTAL	414

2017 Type of Force	Instances of Force
Discharge of a Firearm	0
Intentional Pointing of Firearm	145
Personal Body Weapon	7
Less Lethal Munitions	8
TASER Deployment	4
Intentional Pointing of TASER	13
Pepper Spray	3
K-9 Arrest	1
Body Wrap	34
Physical Force	60
Takedown	30
Control Hold	55
Control Hold w/Pain Compliance	3
De-escalation Technique	28
TOTAL	391

2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2017 (separated by year) [No responsive documents, as this data is not contained in a cumulative report.](#)